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Paul Lamoreoux Alpine Gem & Minerals P.O. Box 610 Parowan, Utah 84761

Subject: East Side #1, Alpine Gems & Minerals, East Side #1, S/053/078, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Lamoreoux:

On April 10, 2006, the Division received a copy of an MR-SMO for the East Side #1 mine. This was an unpermitted mine which required a permit to continue.

This mine is located on Forest Service property. Personnel from the Forest Service have since inspected the site and are presently evaluating a possible bond for this disturbance. A matter complicating this calculation is the fact that Alpine has requested a release of a bond presently being held by the Forest Service for a disturbance at the Marc #1 claim located nearby.

The Division will be unable to give final approval until the Forest Service evaluation is completed and a bond placed for the disturbance at East Side #1. This letter is notification that until that process is completed we will not continue of review of this application.

If you have any questions please call me at (801) 538-5258 or Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mining Program Coordinator Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Steve Winslow, Forest Service, Beaver District
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